

|                                                             | Rs. | A. | P. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| D. Not less than two, but less than three lakhs of rupees.. | 15  | 0  | 0  |
| E. Not less than one, but less than two lakhs of rupees ..  | 7   | 8  | 0  |
| F. Less than one lakh of rupees.. ..                        | 4   | 0  | 0  |

Provided that any Company, the head office or a branch or principal office of which is not in the town and which shows that its gross income received in or from the town has not in the year immediately preceding the year of taxation exceeded—

|                                                    | Rs. | A. | P. |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| (a) Twenty-five thousand rupees, shall pay only .. | 35  | 0  | 0  |
| (b) Fifteen thousand rupees, shall pay only ..     | 20  | 0  | 0  |
| (c) Five thousand rupees, shall pay only ..        | 7   | 8  | 0  |

*Note:* In computing the paid-up capital or the gross income of any Company which is expressed in any currency other than that in common use in Cochin, such capital or gross income shall be calculated on the value of such money in the currency in common use in Cochin, which is the same as that of British India, according to the rates of exchange prevailing on the date of assessment."

I beg to move that in schedule I framed under section 77 and appended to this Bill the original scale of Companies tax may be substituted. The original Bill as introduced contain the figures under (a) Rs. 65 etc. The Select Committee enhanced those rates of Companies tax to be levied within the Town Councils. The view of the Government was that the original scale should be retained. Therefore the original figures are to be restored and the Government are not accepting the higher figures arrived at by the Select Committee.

*Amendment put and carried*

*Schedule I as amended put and carried*

*Schedule II to VII*

*Schedules II to VII put and carried*

*Clause 1 put and carried*

*The Title and Preamble put and carried*

**Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): I move the Bill be taken up and finally passed day after tomorrow.

**Mr. M. Sivarama Menon** (*Advocate-General*): I second it.

*Motion put and carried*

**Deputy President:** The President stated this morning that the next Bill that should be taken up is the Cochin Wireless Telegraphy Bill.

### **The Cochin Wireless Telegraphy Bill**

**Mr. M. Sivarama Menon** (*Advocate-General*): I beg to move that the Cochin Wireless Telegraphy Bill be read in Council.

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** (*Secretary to Government*): I second it.

*Motion put and carried*

**Secretary to the Council:** The Title of the Bill is "The Cochin Wireless Telegraphy Bill".

**Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (Advocate-General):** I beg to move that the Standing Order 32 may be suspended and that the Bill be taken up for consideration.

**Deputy President:** The Standing Order is suspended.

*Motion put and carried*

*Clauses 2 to 10 put and carried*

*Clause 1 put and carried*

*The Title and Preamble put and carried*

**Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (Advocate-General)** I beg to move that the Cochin Wireless Telegraphy Bill be taken up and finally passed day after tomorrow.

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government):** I second it.

*Motion put and carried*

### **The Cochin Municipal Act (Amendment) Bill**

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government):** Sir, I rise to move that the Cochin Municipal Act (Amendment) Bill be read in the Council. In making this motion I do not wish to make any long speech. The statement of objects and reasons given in the amending Bill itself will give you the reasons why the Government think it necessary to bring in such a measure. At present there is no provision in the Municipal Act which empowers the Government to make exemptions where the Government deems it expedient to grant such an exemption. Recent instances came to the notice of the Government where the Government thought that such exemption should be given in the case of some persons or institutions. For the absense of this power the Government had to address the Municipality several times. But the Council consistently refused to comply with the request of the Government in that matter. The Government therefore think it necessary that in cases where the Government considers it necessary or expedient to grant exemptions from the provisions empowering the Council to levy license fees this power should be in the hands of the Government. That this is not a new power left in the hands of the Government will be seen if you refer to some of the other provisions, for instance where the Council is empowered to levy tolls on vehicles or animals entering the Municipal area the Council has got the power to levy such tolls. But the